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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE CROWN PRINCE TO PRESIDENT GEORGE

GW. BUSH

G11. (U) On January 22, 2005, post received a facsimile letter from the Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defense Force, His Highness Shaikh Salman Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, to President Bush.

G12. (U) Begin text of letter:

The Hon. George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Please accept my sincere congratulations upon your inauguration as President of the United States of America. I have no doubt that your second term of office will be one of further success, progress and prosperity for the friendly United States and its people.

I also look forward to further strengthening of the close and historic links between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States during your Presidency, based on the existing ties of friendship, cooperation and trust. I have no doubt that such continued coordination and cooperation between Bahrain and the United States will benefit both countries and their friendly peoples, as well as serving the cause of regional security and stability.

Finally, may I congratulate you once again, and assure you of Bahrain's continued friendship and steadfast support for the United States of America.

Salman Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa
Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief
of the Bahrain Defence Force

End text of letter.

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